GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT DUTY ON KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pre-budget discussion was held with the Ministry of Finance to consider reducing import duties on crude oil and petroleum products in view of the steep hike of these products in global market product price;

(a) if so, the reasons for hiking the import duty only on kerosene;

(b) whether the Government propose to reduce import duty on kerosene; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MININSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): There were pre-budget consultation between Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of Finance to consider reducing import duties in view of the steep hike in global product prices. Duties have since been revised in the Union Budget presented in the Parliament on 29.02.2000. There is no import duty on PDS kerosene.Import duty on kerosene under Parallel Marketing Scheme has, however, been increased from 30% to 35%, keeping the overall interest of consumers and Petroleum Sector in view. This may also discourage any attempt to adulterate diesel with kerosene. There is no proposal to reduce the duty on kerosene.